

Maine Revised Statutes

Title 12: CONSERVATION

Chapter 915: HUNTING: SEASONS, REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS

§12160. DISPOSITION OF WOLF HYBRIDS

1. Determination of species. The department shall respond to requests under Title 7, section 3911-B, subsection 3 for assistance in capturing and disposing of an animal suspected of being a wolf hybrid. The department may presume that the animal is a wolf hybrid if:

A. Licensure as a dog under Title 7, section 3922 cannot be confirmed; [2011, c. 100, §16 (NEW) .]

B. The animal bears no identification indicating ownership; and [2011, c. 100, §16 (NEW) .]

C. The animal has distinct wolflike characteristics. [2011, c. 100, §16 (NEW) .]

The department may pursue genetic testing to determine if the animal is a wolf or wolf hybrid.

[2011, c. 100, §16 (NEW) .]

2. Rulemaking. The department shall adopt rules establishing procedures for disposing of animals determined to be wolf hybrids under subsection 1. For the purposes of this section, "disposing" includes, but is not limited to, transferring the animal to a person holding a permit under section 12152 or euthanasia in accordance with Title 17, chapter 42, subchapter 4. Rules adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

[2011, c. 100, §16 (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY

2011, c. 100, §16 (NEW).

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